

Metro South Historic District
Middlesex Theater
109-111 College Street
Middletown
Middlesex County
Connecticut

HABS No. CT- 237-B

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Washington, D.C. 20240

ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Connecticut	COUNTY Middlesex	TOWN OR VICINITY Middletown
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Metro South Historic District		HABS NO. CT-237-B
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Middlesex Theater		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 109-111 College Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1892; 1926	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Francis H. Kimball	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Part of the Metro South Historic District. Designed by Francis H. Kimball who later moved to New York City and specialized in theater design. Noted for excellent acoustics.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 1892 structure 00 80' wide, 200' long and 80' wide; 1926 entrance -- 2 stories		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Main access to theater until 1926 was from Main St. through the central door of the office building and through a long hall to the theater. In 1926 a 2 story building served as an entrance to the older theater behind it. Iron and glass marquise supported by chains extends out over the sidewalk in front of entranceway.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Large Art Deco chandelier and three Art Nouveau chandeliers in lobby; lobby ceiling decorated with classical symbols, side walls of lobby have rectangular pointed-arch panels with intricate foliate patterns.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1924 -- reconstruction after fire damage, interior remodelled		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Proposed for partial demolition, 1980; lobby rehabilitated. See field records for additional information and interior photographic views.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register		
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